279TH BASE SUPPORT BATTALION

COMMANDER'S POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: 01-36 DATE: AUG 1 3 2003

SUBJECT: Community Exterior Visual Standards (Clutter Control)

PROPONENT: DPW (469-7708) DISTRIBUTION: A, B & C

PURPOSE: Maintain and enhance the high visual standards and attractiveness of the Bamberg Community.

SCOPE: Applies to all residents of government owned/leased housing in the Bamberg German/American Military Community.

REFERENCES: TM 807-10; The Bamberg Installation Design Guide and German Traffic Law

POLICY:

- 1. Exterior signs: The installation of all exterior signs in the Bamberg German/American Military Community will be in accordance with Army guidance (TM 807-10), the Bamberg Installation Design Guide (IDG), and the German Traffic Law. Incorporate Army physical security and safety policy where appropriate. This policy applies to facility signs (tactical units and community activities), traffic signs, safety and physical security warnings, reserved parking, directional and unit motivational signs. Unit commanders and activity directors will make sure no unauthorized signs or modifications to existing signs are made. All requests for signs are submitted to the DPW on a DA Form 4283, Facilities Engineering Work Request. They must contain sufficient details and justifications to allow proper evaluation. DPW will coordinate with the PMO and others, as needed, and install signs, if appropriate.
- 2. Painting: The DPW exercises strict control over all painting, interior and exterior, throughout the community. The colors and types of paint are controlled by the DPW to maintain the standards of our IDG. No painting, including safety marking, will take place without DPW approval. The DPW maintains the approved colors and types of paint. Self-help painting is possible by submitting a work request through Work Order Reception. The DPW provides technical assistance and advice.
- 3. Communication Wires: Unauthorized and improperly installed field communication wire is a major contributor to visual clutter. Unit or activities will not install field communication wires inside or outside buildings without approval of the DPW and Network Service Center (NSC). All requests should be submitted to the DPW who will coordinate it with NSC. Requests must include a detailed wire location plan. Unless accompanied by compelling reasons, requests for permanent field communication wires are denied. Requests for specific short duration events are generally approved. All wires must be removed when the event is over.

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- 4. Roofs and antennas: The community recognizes the need for radio antennas in the brigade, battalion or separate company areas. Therefore, we have installed antenna platforms on most roofs. The roofs, however, are dangerous to soldiers and easy to damage. For this reason, no one is allowed on the roofs without DPW approval and supervision. Requests for roof antennas should be addressed to the DPW who will coordinate with the NSC. The DPW will assist units with approved requests, in installing an antenna without damaging the roof.
- 5. The DPW and NSC will remove unauthorized signs and wires, wherever they are encountered.
- 6. "Maximum Support It Shall Be Done!"

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